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(Population 1998, 2,752,000)

SENATORS

THAD COCHRAN, Republican, of Jackson, MS; born in Pontotoc, MS, December 7, 1937; graduated, Byram High School, 1955; B.A., University of Mississippi, 1959; J.D., University of Mississippi Law School, 1965; received a Rotary Foundation Fellowship and studied international law and jurisprudence at Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland, 1963–64; served in U.S. Navy, 1959–61; admitted to Mississippi bar in 1965; board of directors, Jackson Rotary Club, 1970–71; Outstanding Young Man of the Year Award, Junior Chamber of Commerce in Mississippi, 1971; president, young lawyers section of Mississippi State bar, 1972–73; cochairman of the Sunbelt Caucus, 1994; married the former Rose Clayton of New Albany, MS, 1964; two children: Clayton and Katherine; elected to the 93rd Congress, November 7, 1972; reelected to 94th and 95th Congresses; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 7, 1978, for the six-year term beginning January 3, 1979; subsequently appointed by the governor, December 27, 1978, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator James O. Eastland; reelected November 6, 1984; reelected November 6, 1990 without opposition; reelected November 5, 1996; chairman: subcommittee on Agriculture Appropriations; subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services; committees: Appropriations; Governmental Affairs; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Rules and Administration; Joint Committee on the Library; Joint Committee on Printing; elected chairman of the Senate Republican Conference in 1990; reelected chairman in 1992 and 1994.

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